cess to recover the outlay which the Government would have to invest. The work which was started and carried out after spending about Rs. 20,000 was stopped on the ground that a rock was found in the middle of the *thodu* and that the cost of blasting it would be very great.

As regards the Kuttipuzha *thodu*, he said that it was useful for irrigating a large area of punja lands and that a portion of it had been cut. The *punja* lands commanded by that *thodu* were cultivated only in alternate years, but if the *thodu* be cut and improved, all those lands could be cultivated every year. The *thodu* would also serve as a means of communication for the people.

Mr. Ousep Devasia (Member, Trading classes, Changanacherry) said that he supported the proposals of the previous Member to open the two *thodus* referred to by him.

The Member then requested that the Cherukara canal should be improved by widening and deepening it in some places. The existing canal from Cherukara in the Vembanad lake to the Changanacherri market landing was very narrow and circuitous and the length of the canal was 12 miles.

His next request was that the canal from Changanacherri to Alleppey which had been cut only as far as the Kainakari river to a distance of 4 miles be deepened.

The Member then urged that the Changanacherri market landing should be improved and that the place south of the local market should be placed at the disposal of the Town Improvement Committee, for being utilised as an open ground for the use of the public, the Travellers' Bungalow being removed to a more convenient place.

Dewan's reply.—The representations of the Members are noted.

[*Mr. S. Padmanabha Panikkar* (Member, Nominated) presented, at this stage, a Memorial signed by the Ezhava Members of the Assembly, praying for the early passing of the Ezhava Bill into law.]

179. Special needs of the Kunnathnad taluk.

Mr. G. Subramonia Iyer (Member, Kunnathnad taluk) thanked the Government for sanctioning a sum of Rs. 4,600 for improving the *chira* near the Perumbavur temple as the outcome of the representation made at the last Session of the Assembly. He stated that the local Munsiff's Court was now held in the Satrom and that as the whole Satrom building was taken up by the court, travellers were put to much inconvenience. It was in the Taluk Cutcherry buildings that the First Class Magistrate's Court was held and a shed constructed at a cost of Rs. 700 was in a dilapidated condition. A portion of the verandah of that building had been used as an office room for the clerks in the Taluk Cutcherry and valuable records were kept there. The public were also deprived of the use of the verandah. He, therefore, requested that the necessary buildings should be constructed for holding the two Courts. He then urged the following other needs of the taluk:—

(1) The standard of the Lower Grade English School at Perumbavur should be raised.

(2) A sanitary staff should be appointed to look after the sanitation of the Perumbavur town.

(3) The local dispensary should be converted into a well-equipped Hospital and the appointment of a midwife in the local Dispensary, already sanctioned, should be made as early as possible.

(4) The portion of the canal from the Perumbavur Market to the Periyar river as far as Mudikal should be improved and made navigable throughout the year, so that boats laden with goods might reach the market landing.

(5) Bathing ghats should also be constructed on the banks of the above canal.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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